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## **37 criminals arrested by ICE during weeklong operation in South Florida**

MIAMI—Drug traffickers and murderers were among the 37 criminals arrested here last week by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents.

The public safety operation dubbed “Safe Streets” culminated Monday following a weeklong effort targeting violent criminal aliens living in South Florida neighborhoods. These arrests are part of ICE’s ongoing enforcement initiative to remove those who have no legal right to remain in the country and who pose a threat to our community.

Among those arrested was 32-year-old Maria Esther Jobert, a Haitian national convicted in Dade County for aggravated assault, criminal mischief, battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest. She is a lawful permanent resident (LPR) who now faces deportation from the United States for being a convicted aggravated felon.

Also arrested was Martin John Halladey, 41, of the United Kingdom. Halladey, a lawful permanent resident of the United States, has been charged with violating the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). He is amenable to removal from the United States for being convicted in Broward County for domestic violence, dealing in stolen property and grand theft in the third degree. ICE has placed him in administrative removal proceedings and is seeking the revocation of his lawful status.

“Having a legal status in this country does not give anyone the right to hurt the innocent,” said Jesus Torres, special agent-in-charge of ICE in Miami. “We are committed to keeping our community safe and will continue to identify and arrest those who are a danger and removable.”

Those arrested had criminal histories ranging from drug possession and aggravated assault to drug trafficking and murder. They represent 13 different countries including Colombia, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Peru, Suriname, United Kingdom and Venezuela.

All are in ICE custody awaiting the outcome of their cases.

The ICE Office of Investigations was assisted by the ICE Office of Detention and Removal (DRO), the Miami-Dade Police Department and other local law enforcement agencies.

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